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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-5, 7 and 9-12 remain pending in the application of which claims 9 and 10 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The claims are objected to, and correctly so, for extending beyond the scope of Group I as set out in the Official Action of April 6, 2007. Specifically, the definition of Q should be oxygen but this was overlooked in the most recent amendment.

Instructions are given above to define Q as being oxygen with consequential changes made to the involved claims, thus it is counsel's understanding that the claims directed to compounds per se, and in fact all of the claims, fall within the parameters of Group I of the Official Action of April 6, 2007.

This leaves for consideration method claims 9 and 10. It is counsel's understanding that once the compound claims are allowable, claims of the same scope but directed to methods of treatment are also allowable. This was discussed with Examiner Young by telephone on February 4, 2008 and based upon the information available to the examiner at that time, this understanding is believed to be accurate.

Attention is directed to the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement. Further examination on the merits and allowance are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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